

# Marine Art Contest Grades K-12

## Theme -- OCEAN TREASURES:

### Marine Life of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

**Deadline: May 12, 2006**



Gelatinous zooplankton -- sea jellies -- won a first place in the 2005 contest.



The computer-generated image "Submerge" was the 2003 Grand Prize winner.

#### ATTENTION:

Art Teachers,  
Marine Science and Biology Teachers,  
After School Leaders,  
Home School Instructors

Cash prizes plus aquarium and museum passes for winners!

Judging in 5 Divisions -- K-4, 5-8, and 9-12, Scientific Illustration (all grades) and Computer Graphics (all grades)

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#### THEME: OCEAN TREASURES

Students may select any species, group of animals, habitat or activity in the sanctuary for use in their posters. Students may wish to focus on protection of endangered species, marine mammal research, fisheries ecology, ocean invertebrates, zooplankton, phytoplankton or any similar topic.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

There will be five divisions in the contest — grades K-4, grades 5-8, grades 9-12, an open scientific illustration division and an open computer graphics division with a winner, second and third place selected from each division. First place artists in each of the divisions will receive an award of \$25 and four New England Aquarium passes each. Second and third place winners will receive \$15 and \$10 awards

respectively, and two aquarium passes. A BEST OF SHOW Award (selected from all the division winners) will receive four New England Aquarium Behind-the-Scenes Tour passes. Provincetown Museum passes will also be awarded to all prize winners. Winning entries will be posted on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary website (<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>). Entry deadline is May 12, 2006.

#### General Requirements:

- The posters should be between 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 24".
- Use white, non-glossy paper, please do not laminate.
- Teachers may send in as many posters as they like, but we do request that some selective screening be attempted first. (Let us know how many students took part in the project even if all of the posters are not sent.)
- Label each entry on the back with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address and telephone number. The sanctuary will announce the winners through a press release and posting of winning entries on our web site.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT WISH THE SANCTUARY TO USE THE STUDENTS' FULL NAMES IN THE PRESS RELEASE OR WHEN PLACING THE ENTRIES ON OUR WEB SITE .

- Students may use any medium including markers, paints, pastels, colored pencils, pen and ink, pencil, collage — Please do not send any collages using sand or other fine-grained substance. Students may use any technique including fish printing and any software package in the computer graphics division.



This landscape painting of a boulder field in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary by scientific illustrator Mary Jane Brush gives a perspective unavailable with photography or the unaided human eye.

#### Grades K-4 Requirements:

Students are to create a poster that relates to this year's theme. Students should include on the back of the poster a slogan or short statement about their poster's subject.

#### Grades 5-8 and 9-12 (judged separately):

Students are to create a poster/artwork that will relate to this year's theme. The student must include on the back of the poster (or attach a separate sheet of paper) with information about the art — what marine activity and/or habitat is illustrated, what creatures are pictured (common and scientific names), and the role these creatures fill in the sanctuary, and a short statement about the student's vision about this ocean treasure just offshore. Please be concise and neat. (Be sure that lettering does not show through the illustration; a separate but attached sheet is preferred.)

#### Scientific Illustration (all grades):

Students should strive for technical accuracy in their art. Illustrations may be of single animals (e.g., diatom, copepod, squid dissection, herring skeleton, etc.) or a group of animals or habitat. Artwork may be based on microscope studies, field observations, or photographs. This division is highly recommended for high school biology and marine science classes. Students should attach a brief statement about the process of developing the illustration and the common and scientific name(s) of the animal(s) pictured.

#### Computer Graphics (all grades):

Students may use any computer graphics packages to develop original computer art or to manipulate images from outside sources. If using photographs or artwork from other artists, please state from where the original images were obtained. Students should also write a brief statement that details how the artwork complies with this year's theme.

All winning artwork will be displayed on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary web page located at: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> (view 2003, 2004 and the 2005 winners). Artwork will now be identified with student's complete name -- please inform us if you do not want the full names to be used. Visit the web page for information about sanctuary resources and image galleries.

#### JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on creativity, factual accuracy, artistic presentation, neatness, and relevance to the theme. Grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12, scientific illustration, and computer graphics will be judged separately. Judges for the contest include: internationally-recognized marine artist Robert Lyn Nelson, Massachusetts artist and illustrator Dave Blanchette, commercial artist and graphic designer Dennis Huston, naturalist and educator Richard Wheeler, author of "A Field Guide to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary" Nathalie Ward, and SBNMS Education Coordinator Anne Smrcina. We're sorry, but entries cannot be returned. REMEMBER TO ATTACH/PRINT ALL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK (see general requirements and specific division requirements).

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 12, 2006      For more information contact: Anne Smrcina, 781-545-8026 x204  
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SEND ENTRIES TO:      MME Poster Contest  
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